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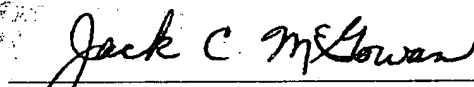
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Dear Commissioner:

Please advise the status of the above patent application.

Yours very truly,

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